considered independent of the Economic Survey? I refer to Question No. 15 answered on the 31st of July 1933.

President.—The Government have replied that there was no definite undertaking. So you cannot put that question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it that it is the ruling of the President that no assurance was given by the Government?

President.—There is no question on which a ruling is required. We are now on a different question altogether.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—It is the ruling of the Chair that I should not put supplementary questions any more?

President.—You can put supplementary questions which are relevant.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the Government did not say that the suggestions will be looked into independent of the Economic Survey?

President.—That has been answered.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—So far as I can see, there is no definite assurance that it will be considered independent of the Economic Survey. The Government only said that the suggestion will be noted.

Mr. K. Ayyappan.—Does the Survey include this item also?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It will be one of the items. They are gathering materials regarding the kind of industries, the time of work and wages which they are earning. A consideration without the necessary materials will be labour lost.

219. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of months that have passed since the Government's remark in the previous question?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—About twelve months.

220. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state the reason why they took no action in pursuance of their undertaking in Question No. 218?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Vide answer to Question No. 218.

221. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action they intend to take in furtherence of their remark in Question No. 218 and when?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The action which Government may take depends on the report of the Economic Survey.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it that no further consideration can be given to it, except when they receive the Survey report?

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Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Any consideration which can be given to, presupposes the gathering of materials if not by the Economic Survey, by some other process. The Government are waiting for their report for taking further action.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know what other Governments are doing in this matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it that the Government is not aware of what the neighbouring Governments are doing in this matter?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The Government are aware; but they are not keeping these things ready to be given at the first question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—On second question, may I know, Sir, whether they have got any information?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I want notice.

Reserved Forests—assignment of.

222. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to Question No. 2, dated 31st July 1933, regarding extent of land under cultivation, will the Government be pleased to state what further progress they have made in the line?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Areas fit for cultivation are being excluded from the reserve forests and made available for assignment every year.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, how many acres have been so excluded since answering this question on 13th July 1933?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I have got the total number of figures excluded till the end of 1108. This year's figures are not complete. The total number so far excluded in Chittur extends to 3,436.49 acres; in Talappalli 1,282.05 acres; in Trichur 5,165.35 acres and in Mukundapuram 3,136.47 acres. These are the figures excluded till the end of 1108.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—My question was what further progress they have made in the line.

President.—The Hon'ble Member said that the figures for the current year are not complete.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Even my original question is not answered.

President.—You have been furnished with a reasonable answer.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Do they admit that the answer called for was not given here?

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